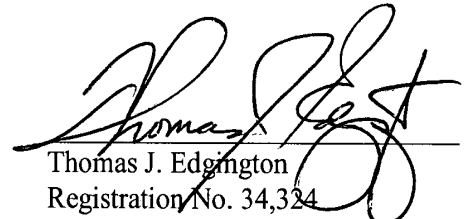


Responsive to this restriction requirement, Applicant respectfully elects Group I (claims 41-50). Applicant expressly retains the right to prosecute the non-elected claim in a divisional application in the future.

Examination of the subject application and issuance of a Notice of Allowance at an early date are earnestly solicited. However, if the Examiner has any remaining concerns regarding Applicant's present response to the restriction requirement, he is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below so that those concerns may be expeditiously addressed.

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